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Subject: Early Head Start Programs

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado DPHE, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri DH,
(Child Nutrition Programs) Montana DPHHS, Nebraska ED, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

Recently our office has received questions regarding the allowability of Early Head Start (EHS) Programs to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The EHS Program options are family child care, center-base care, and home visiting. If the Program is center-base care, the center would be considered a Head Start Center, and the meals could be claimed under the CACFP. If the Program is home-base care, the home would be considered a regular family day care home, and would have to meet the day care home provisions listed in Section 226.18 of the Regulations to claim meals under the CACFP. The provider's own children would be considered as categorically eligible since they would meet Head Start income requirements. Of course, other children must be in care in order to claim the provider's own children.

If you have any questions, please call a member of my staff at (303) 844-0359.

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